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## REMARKS

Claims 1-3, 15-17, and 29-30 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. Section 102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent Number 6,341,020 to Rumph, et al.

Examiner objects to Claims 4-14 and 18-27 as being dependent upon a rejected base claim and states that they would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and intervening claims. Applicant has amended claims 4 and 18 in independent form. Claims 5-14 and 19-27 depend on now independent claims 4 and 18. Applicant therefore respectfully submits that claims 4-14 and 18-27 are now in condition for allowance.

Please apply excess claim fees of \$500.00 and any charges or credits to deposit account 06-1050.

Respectfully submitted,

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